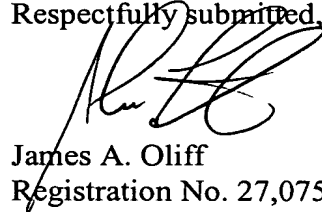


**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, the title and specification are amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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